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MARYLAND STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES CONTRIBUTE OVER \$4 MILLION TO ANNUAL CHARITY CAMPAIGN

BALTIMORE - Almost 900 charities across Maryland will benefit from the more than \$4 million that 24,000 Maryland state employees and retirees voluntarily contributed during the 2008 Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC). For 23 years in a row Maryland has teamed up with the United Way of Central Maryland to execute a fundraising program designed especially for state employees.

Charitable organizations that will benefit from the generous contributions of state employees range from those that provide the basic requirement of food, shelter and safety as well as critical programs that promote specific health-related issues, education, the environment, and more. For a complete listing of the organizations, visit www.mdcharity.org.

"I'm not surprised by the overwhelming generosity of the thousands of state employees who gave their hard-earned dollars to support so many good causes," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "For yet another year, they made this important fundraising endeavor a huge success."

Prior to the campaign kickoff, Governor O'Malley named Secretary Brenda Donald of the Department of Human Resources, and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown assistant chairs for the 2008 campaign.

"I am very proud of the hard work done by our employees that resulted in our being able to raise this money," said Donald. "Now, more than ever, charitable organizations are providing such important assistance, services and programs for our state."

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and provide temporary cash, food stamps and medical assistance to families. It also administers programs for homeless persons, refugees, migrant workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 638,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency.

- Martin O'Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brenda Donald, Secretary